

Rehabilitating violent extremist  
offenders in prison and probation:  
THE WAYOUT PROJECT APPROACH ON EXIT WORK

WayOut  
ONLINE  
FINAL  
CONFERENCE  
15-16 February 2021

This event will take place via the Zoom platform

# WayOut Online Final Conference

## Introduction

**The WayOut project – Integrated Exit Programme for Prisons and Probation** – is fundamentally aimed at giving an outline and important insights for building a common framework to evaluate exit programmes based on proven effectiveness approaches.

Ultimately the project is improving and facilitating the implementation of exit programmes across the Criminal Justice system, namely in prison and probation settings. Hence, this project responds to one of the European Union's security concerns: the problem of radicalisation leading to violent extremism.

### Objectives

- To provide a detailed account of the current state of the art in deradicalisation research and other relevant disciplines related to desistance and rehabilitation;
- To develop a common framework to systematically evaluate exit programmes;
- To create an integrated programme based on approaches with proven effectiveness;
- To develop a training course on exit strategies to practitioners;
- To raise awareness among law enforcement officials about the benefits of implementing such programmes.

### Outcomes

- An improved and facilitated implementation of exit programmes that are based on approaches with proven effectiveness;
- An increased awareness and understanding by the Criminal justice professionals (judiciary, prisons, probation, and community organisations) about exit programmes;
- An improved knowledge about the efficacy of exit programmes and of what works;
- A more capable prison staff to deal with inmates at risk of radicalisation or who are already radicalised;
- Prisons and probation systems will implement the necessary and appropriate tools to analyse existing networks, collect information and develop communication processes between different organisations: community-prison-probation-police-intelligence services;
- A better understanding of what works in the field of Exit strategies at the European level;
- The lessons learned from the project will feed into the European debate and inform policymakers, obtaining the confidence of judges, prosecutors and all those responsible for adopting these strategies, as well as the community at large.

### Project Consortium

- Université Toulouse – Jean Jaurès, France
- IPS\_Innovative Prison Systems (Qualify Just – IT Solutions and Consulting Ltd), Portugal
- BSAFE LAB of UBI University, Portugal
- AVANS University of Applied Sciences – Centre of Expertise for Public Safety and Criminal Justice, The Netherlands
- De Federale Overheidsdienst Justitie – Le Service Public Federal Justice, Belgium<sup>1</sup>
- Bremen Senate of Justice and Constitution, Germany
- Violence Prevention Network EV, Germany

### Associated partners

- EuroPris – European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services
- CEP – Confederation of European Probation

<sup>1</sup>This partner finalised its involvement in August 2020

# Agenda

How to register

to the Final Conference

How to join the Final Conference  
(Zoom platform)

## Day 1

Monday 15-02-2021 (morning)

10:00	<b>Official welcome</b> Séraphin Alava, (Project Coordinator - UT2J) Patrik De Bekker (European Commission – DG Migration and Home Affairs) Pedro das Neves (CEO. IPS_Innovative Prison System)
10:20	<b>Multi-dimensional counter-commitments in the deradicalisation process in probation</b> Dounia Bouzar (Cabinet Bouzar Expertises, France)
10:40	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
10:50	<b>Way out responding to the Strategic orientations in Prison on a coordinated EU approach to prevention of radicalisation for 2021</b> Chafiaa Djouadi & Rasha Nagem (UT2J, France)
11:10	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
11:20	Coffee break
11:30	<b>Prison-exit continuum Evaluation framework of exit programmes</b> Vitor Costa (BSAFE LAB – UBI, Portugal)
11:50	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
12:00	<b>Well trained prison staff and collaboration among professionals Improving prison and probation staff competencies in the field of exit strategies: findings from the WayOut training programme</b> Pedro Liberado (IPS_Innovative Prison Systems, Portugal)
12:20	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
12:30	<b>Closing of the first day</b>

## Day 2

Tuesday 16-02-2021 (morning)

10:00	<b>Welcome</b>
10:10	<b>A “bootcamp” for radicals? Deradicalisation as a new form of social work</b> Joël Cabalion (Researcher U. Tours team.)
10:30	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
10:40	<b>Quality and impact of exit programmes Gender dimension in exit programmes. Conclusions of a stakeholder exchange</b> Ariane Wolf (Violence Prevention Network gGmbH, Germany)
11:00	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
11:10	Coffee break
11:20	<b>Quality and impact of exit programmes Methodological framework exit programmes</b> Robin van Halderen (Avans University, The Netherlands)
11:40	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
11:50	<b>Improvement of the collaboration The collaboration with a governmental stakeholder</b> Eduard Matt & Ivo Lisitzki, (Bremen MoJ, Germany)
12:10	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
12:20	<b>Closing of the event</b>

- Event moderators: Rasha Nagem and Chafiaa Djouadi
- All times are presented CET Time
- The presentations of the speakers will be recorded and available in the project website. The Q & A sessions will not be recorded.
- Certificate of attendance will be provided upon request.
- Personal data of registered participants will be carefully treated according to the European Regulation on Data Protection.

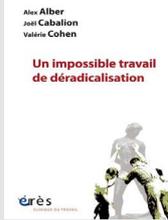
## Short Profiles

### Guest speakers



#### Dounia Bouzar

is a French Doctor on anthropology specialized on the relationship of young French Muslims to Islam. She published studies, books and articles on this expertise. In 2013, the French government tasked her to create the 'Centre de prévention des dérives sectaires liées à l'Islam' (CPDSI) with the mandate of implementing the first nationwide, long-term survey on the radicalization process of French youth and support those who returned from the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. This survey has major implications, resulting both in methodological innovation and in establishing local deradicalization teams throughout France. She worked directly with many of these current and former jihadists in her deradicalization programme.



#### Joël Cabalion

(together with A. Alber, V. Cohen) are sociologists at the University of Tours, members of the CITERES laboratory Cnrs, UMR 7324. Their research that has been published by Éditions Éres is focused on an analytical and documented return on the failure of the single "center for de-radicalization".

### Speakers from the WayOut consortium



#### Séraphin Alava

is a Professor of Educational Sciences at the University of Toulouse - Jean Jaurès. He is a researcher at the EFTS Joint Unit and member of the "Radicalities and regulations" team at the Toulouse Human Sciences House. He also manages the Unesco World Report on the links between radicalization and social media and is a member of the scientific team of the UNESCO Chair in the Prevention of Radicalization. He is Project Manager and coordinator of the WayOut project.



#### Pedro das Neves

is CEO of the European based IPS\_Innovative Prison Systems - a research and consulting company specialised on justice and correctional Services - and an Executive Director of ICJS Innovative Criminal Justice Systems Inc. - a company incorporated in Canada, focusing on advisory, design, integration and delivery of innovative organisational and technology solutions for the criminal justice sector. He is a Board Director of ICPA the International Corrections and Prisons Association and Board Member of the BSAFE LAB Law Enforcement, Justice and Public Safety Lab of Beira Interior University. Has worked on public administration reform for 20 years, and on Criminal Justice Innovation Systems (since 2002) in different countries. Over the last 2 decades, he has been involved in the design and implementation of innovative pilot projects lately awarded and recognised as best practices, namely in the field of radicalisation prevention in prisons. He is the founder and editor of JUSTICE TRENDS, a magazine on innovation and best practices in prison and probation systems.



#### Chafiaa Djouadi

is Urban Planner, Architect and Doctor in human geography. Chafiaa Djouadi is Researcher and European Projects Manager in prevention of radicalization and violent extremism within the EFTS Mixed Research Unit in the University of Toulouse II. She is an expert in public policy and sustainable development, she has worked for governments and international organizations to promote a peaceful and violence-free development of Africa. She is Peace Ambassador for the African Union and associate member of the UNESCO-PREV Chair.



#### Rasha Nagem

is a Doctoral researcher at the EFTS laboratory of the University of Toulouse-Jean Jaurès. She is a European Projects Manager, trainer and Euro-Mediterranean expert in the field of prevention of violent radicalization and extremism. Her research focuses on radicalization processes among young people and their related prevention policies, as well as the measures of impact of pedagogical prevention tools. She is involved in a number of European projects and organizations. She is member of the UNESCO-PREV Chair.



## Vitor Costa

is an assistant researcher at BSAFE Lab (University of Beira Interior - UBI, Portugal). PhD in Psychology, he does research in the fields of radicalisation in prison, mental health and occupational health. He was an invited assistant professor at UBI and since 2015 participated in European projects in the fields of radicalisation and violent extremism (R2PRIS; R4JUST), mental health awareness (AWARE), and occupational health and leadership (LEADCOR), training (PO21) and soft skills (IDECOM; ECOPRIS) of prison staff.



## Robin van Halderen

is a researcher at Avans University of Applied Sciences (Center of Expertise for Public Safety and Criminal Justice). He is involved in various projects related to criminology, public administration and social work. For the WayOut project, Robin coordinates the activities of Avans and had a leading role in drawing up the methodological framework for exit programmes.



## Ariane Wolf

is Head of International Affairs at Violence Prevention Network (VPN). In her capacity, she is responsible for VPN's international projects, consultancies, capacity building, strategic collaborations and developing policy advice from VPN's long-standing expertise. She has contributed as a technical expert and speaker to the OSCE, UNODC, UNESCO, Hedayah, EFUS and IIJ, among others. Thematic focusses include P/CVE and exit programmes in prison and probation, gender and extremism, evaluation and multi-agency work. She graduated with a Master's in Violence, Conflict and Development from SOAS, University of London and studied Economics and Political Science in Berlin, New York, and Guadeloupe. Her research focused on CVE in prisons, intergenerational effects of incarceration and inequality. She is a certified Antiviolence and Competency trainer, VPN's one-year training programme for practitioners.



## Pedro Liberado

is the Chief Research Officer and the Coordinator of the Radicalisation, Violent Extremism and Organised Crime Project Portfolio at IPS\_Innovative Prison Systems. Pedro Liberado holds a degree in Sociology from the University of Coimbra, a master's degree in Criminology from the University of Porto, and is a PhD candidate in Criminology at the University of Granada. He is a certified trainer, has participated in RAN events (such as RAN PRISONS Working Group meetings), and a full member of the International Corrections and Prisons Association and of the American Probation and Parole Association.



## Eduard Matt

is a senior researcher in the field of criminology for over 30 years, and has recently extensively researched radicalization, strengthening justice systems, multi-agency approaches to radicalization and alternatives to detention. He has published and presented extensively on resettlement, radicalisation, restorative justice and youth justice, and is currently involved in other EU projects which relate to some aspects of the WayOut Project. Mr. Matt has extensive experience in EU project management, budgeting and implementation of projects.



## Ivo Lisitzki

has been a researcher in the field of extremist networks and religious-based radicalization inside and outside of prison for over 2 years and is currently project officer in a radicalization project in Bremen Prison, within the Live Democracy! German state funded integration programme. Mr. Lisitzki has experience in EU project implementation, meeting and study visit organisation.

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